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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6516**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1058

**NOTE PREPARED:** May 1, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Transfer of Property to Volunteer Fire Department.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bischoff

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Steele

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill authorizes a political subdivision to transfer property to a volunteer fire department without consideration or for nominal consideration for the construction of a fire station or other purposes related to firefighting. The bill provides that this authority does not apply to a township in a county having a consolidated city before July 1, 2008. The bill provides that this authority applies to all political subdivisions after June 30, 2008.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary-* Any local government entity with the ability to sue or be sued would be allowed to sell or transfer real, tangible, or intangible property, licenses, or interests therein to a volunteer fire department. However, there would be a one year moratorium placed on the townships within Marion County beginning on the effective date of the bill. The restriction placed on Marion County townships would exist until after June 30, 2008.

The bill would permit the sale or transfer to occur without meeting the requirements for the transfer of real property by a political subdivision under current law. The current requirements to complete the sale or transfer of real property are: receiving appraisals, publishing notices describing the conditions of, and engaging in a bid process on the real property to be sold or transferred. The impact to local expenditures would depend on the number of transfers of property, licenses, or interests made by local government

entities.

*Background-* There are approximately 837 volunteer fire or rescue organizations in Indiana that meet the membership requirements of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Political subdivisions.

**Information Sources:** <http://www.ivfa.org/>

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